

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Dee Brown, on January 6, 2017 at 1:32 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Dee Brown, Chair (R)  
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Sue Malek (D)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D) (Arrived after Roll Call)  
Sen. Nels Swandal (R)  
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)  
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Barbara Pietuch, Committee Secretary  
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 8, 1/4/2017; SB 3, 1/2/2017; SB 16, 1/2/2016;  
SB 19, 1/2/2017

Executive Action: SB 8 - Do Pass  
SB 16 - Do Pass as Amended  
SB 19 - Do Pass

00:00:01 Chair Brown

**HEARING ON SB 8**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:27 Sen. Tom Facey (D), SD 50, opened the hearing on SB 8, Revise requirement for interim committees to review advisory boards, reports.

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts05a01)

00:03:27 Sen. Smith entered the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:06:20 Chair Brown

00:06:48 Sen. Facey

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:07:18 Sen. Facey

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts05a02)

**HEARING ON SB 16**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:07:40 Sen. Llew Jones (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 16, Revise fire relief association disability and pension funding requirements.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:10:28 Kim Smith, bureau chief, Department of Administration, Local Government Services

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:11:00 Sen. Swandal

00:11:16 Chair Brown

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:11:39 Sen. Jones

**HEARING ON SB 3**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:12:24 Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB 3, Revise election expenditure laws relating to candidate filing fee.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:14:54 Chair Brown

00:15:08 Jonathan Motl, Commissioner, Montana Political Practices (COPP)

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts05a03)

00:18:28 Chair Brown

00:18:41 Mr. Motl, COPP

00:19:29 Chair Brown

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:20:00 Sen. Malek

00:20:08 Sen. Kary

00:20:31 Sen. Malek

00:20:54 Sen. Kary

00:21:15 Chair Brown

00:21:28 Sen. Malek

00:22:00 Sen. Kary

00:22:26 Sen. Malek

00:23:03 Sen. Kary

00:24:04 Chair Brown

00:24:33 Sen. Kary

00:24:42 Sen. Malek

00:25:01 Chair Brown

00:25:17 Mr. Motl

00:25:30 Chair Brown

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:25:41 Sen. Kary

**HEARING ON SB 19**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:26:12 Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB 19, Eliminate interim committee information technology reporting requirement.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:28:36 Chair Brown

00:28:52 Rachel Weiss, research analyst, Legislative Services Division

00:29:41 Chair Brown

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:29:49 Sen. Kary

**Discussion**

00:29:55 Chair Brown

00:30:49 Sen. Vance

00:31:09 Chair Brown

00:31:14 Sen. Swandal

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 8**

00:31:54 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Kary moved that **SB 8 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 16**

00:32:00 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **SB 16 DO PASS**.

00:32:20 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **SB 16 BE AMENDED**.  
**EXHIBIT**(sts05a04)

**Discussion:**

00:33:17 Rachel Weiss, research analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:35:51 Chair Brown

00:36:20 Ms. Weiss, LSD

00:36:50 Chair Brown

00:37:03 Ms. Weiss

00:37:17 Chair Brown

00:37:23 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

00:38:03 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **SB 16 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:38:15 Sen. Malek

00:38:53 Chair Brown

00:38:58 Ms. Weiss

00:40:02 Chair Brown

00:40:39 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 19**

00:41:16 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Kary moved that **SB 19 DO PASS.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

00:42:07 Chair Brown

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 2:44 PM

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Barbara Pietuch, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([sts05aad.pdf](#))**